An Update on the Midcontinent Interactive Digital Carbon Atlas and Relational dataBase (MIDCARB) and its Future

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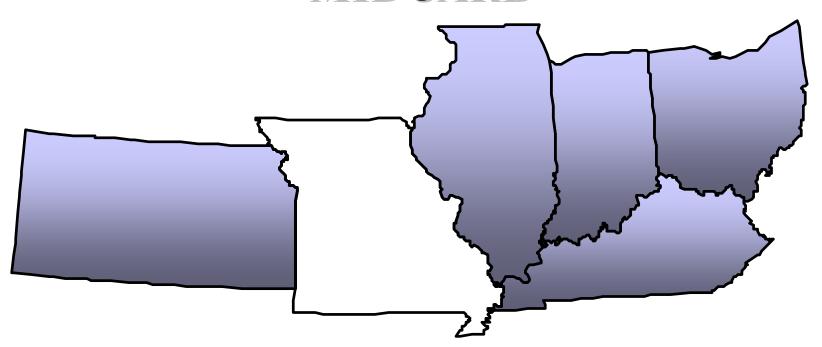
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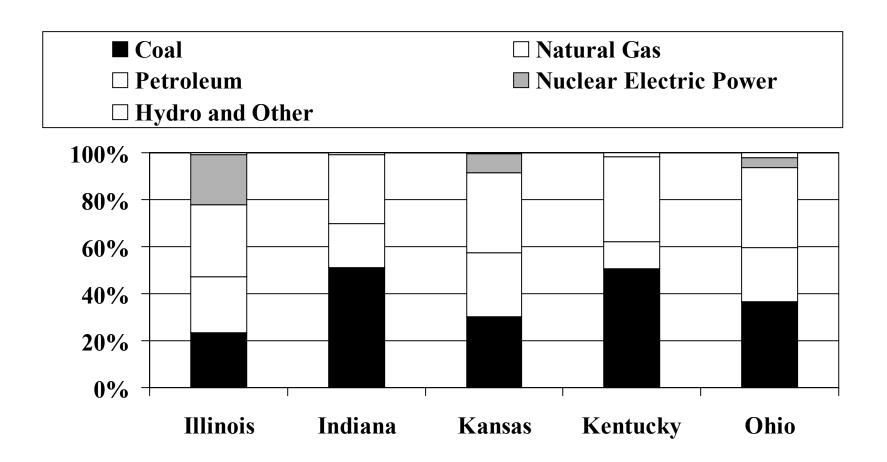


ABSTRACT: MIDCARB is a multi-state consortium (Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio), which has constructed an online distributed Relational Database Management System and Geographic Information System for analyzing the spatial relationship and technical characteristics of large point sources of CO₂ and geologic sequestration options (http://www.midcarb.org).

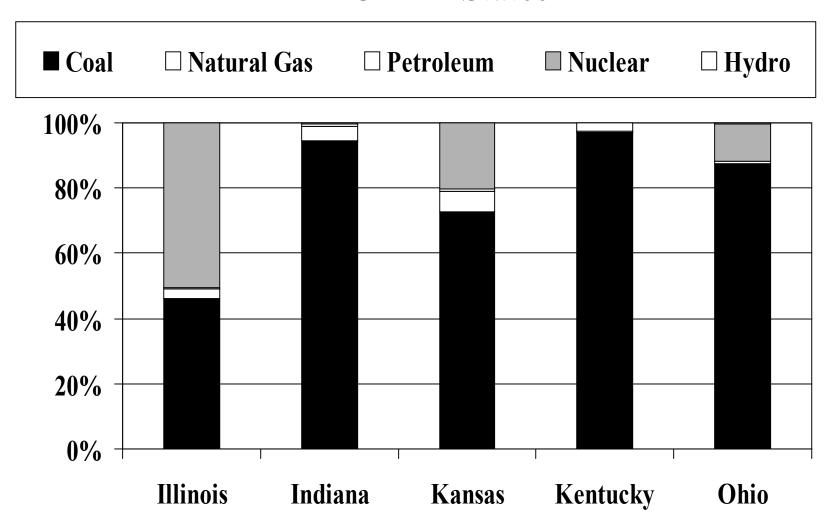
MIDCARB provides advanced distributed computing solutions that dynamically link database servers across each state allowing data to be maintained at the local level but accessed through a single web portal. The consortium intends to expand the study by adding additional states and increase the expertise available to assess the geologic sequestration potential.



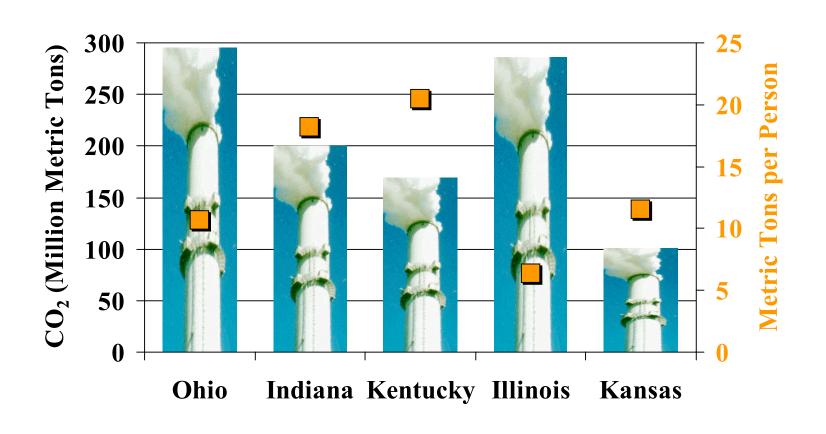
The Total Energy Mix in Each State Varies Widely



Fuel Mix for Electricity Production Varies Widely in MIDCARB States



CO₂ Emissions in MIDCARB States varies by state and per person average.



The MIDCARB states have solid fossil energy industries with varying production amounts in each state.

| | Coal | Natural Gas | Petroleum |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| State | Thousand Short Tons | Million Cubic Feet | Thousand Barrels |
| Illinois | 33,783 | 185 | 10,092 |
| Indiana | 36,738 | 1,064 | 2,022 |
| Kansas | 176 | 481,445 | 33,942 |
| Kentucky | 133,834 | 81,723 | 2,970 |
| Ohio | 25,400 | 100,107 | 6,050 |

Carbon Management Data Online

- Data is Maintained at Local Level
 - Current
 - Detailed
 - Accurate
- Online Access
 - Users Driven
 - Flexible Query and Display
 - Access to Products and Data

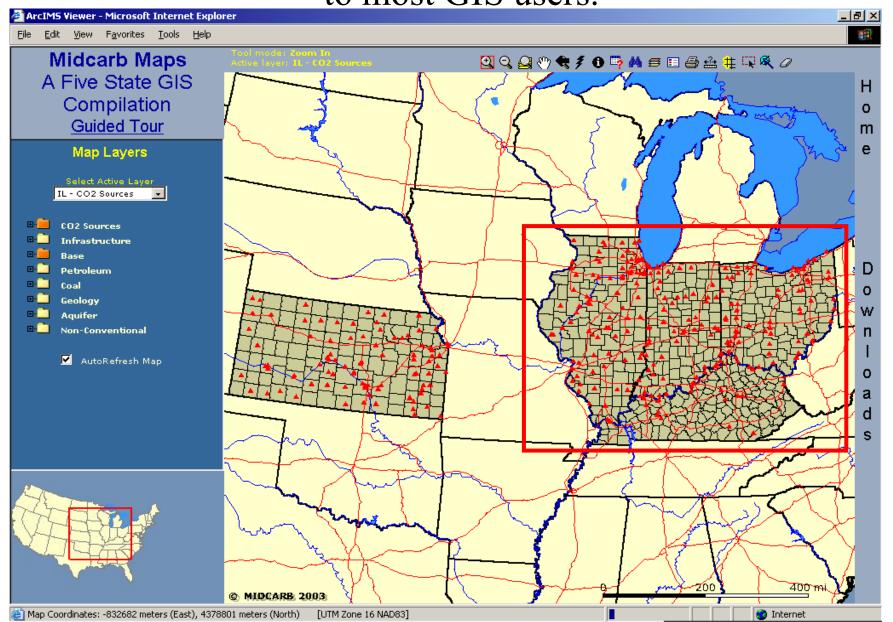
Industrial Sources of CO₂

- Power Plants Coal, Oil and Natural Gas
- Ethanol Plants
- Cement Plants
- Fertilizer Plants
- Solid Waste Landfills
- Other industrial plants that burn fossil fuels

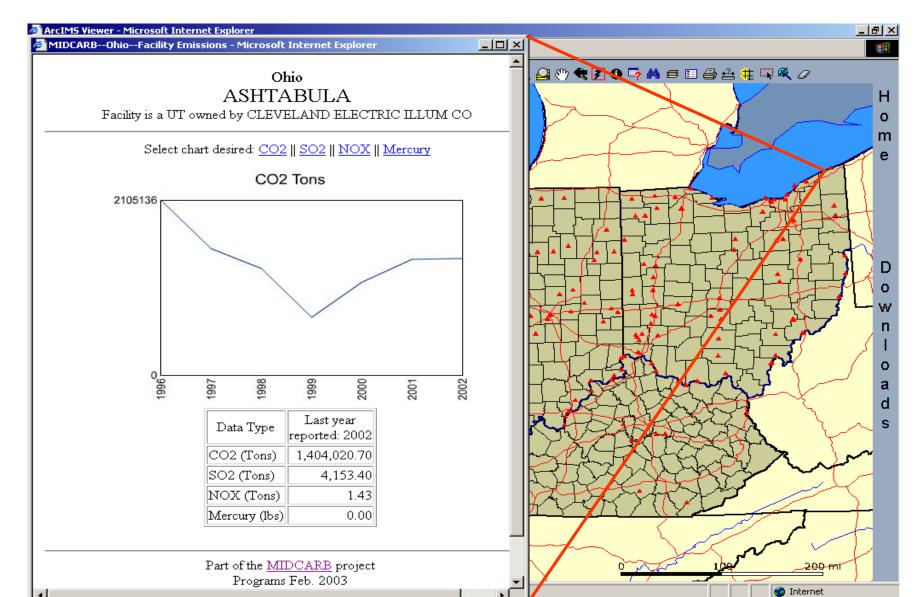
Geologic Sequestration Potential

- Active and Depleted Oil and Gas Reservoirs
 - Value-Added Sequestration from High Quality Sources
 - Dubois and others (This Conference)
- Saline Aquifers
- Deep and non-economical Coal Beds
 - Value-Added Sequestration
- Unconventional Gas Reservoirs
 - Devonian Black Shale
 - Tight gas sands

The MIDCARB mapping interface has tools familiar to most GIS users.



Annual emissions info on specific power plants and various emission types, can be displayed and graphed.



MIDCARB has successfully linked tabular databases from the five cooperating states using a Web application development tool called ColdFusion. Recently purchased by Macromedia, formerly owned by Alliare, ColdFusion provides the developer with a custom set of html (CFML) tags that allow the developer to easily interact with databases to build dynamic Web pages.

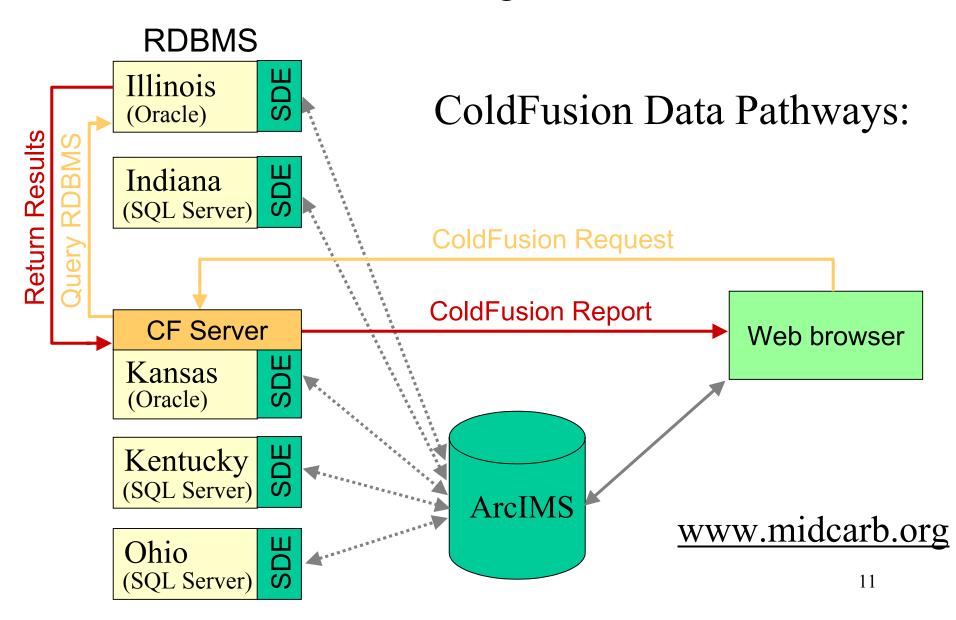
The first report on the previous slide is generated dynamically using a ColdFusion report.

The diagram on the next slide shows how requests from the Web browser, in this case initiated by clicking on a power plant with the hotlink tool, travel back to the ColdFusion server in Kansas.

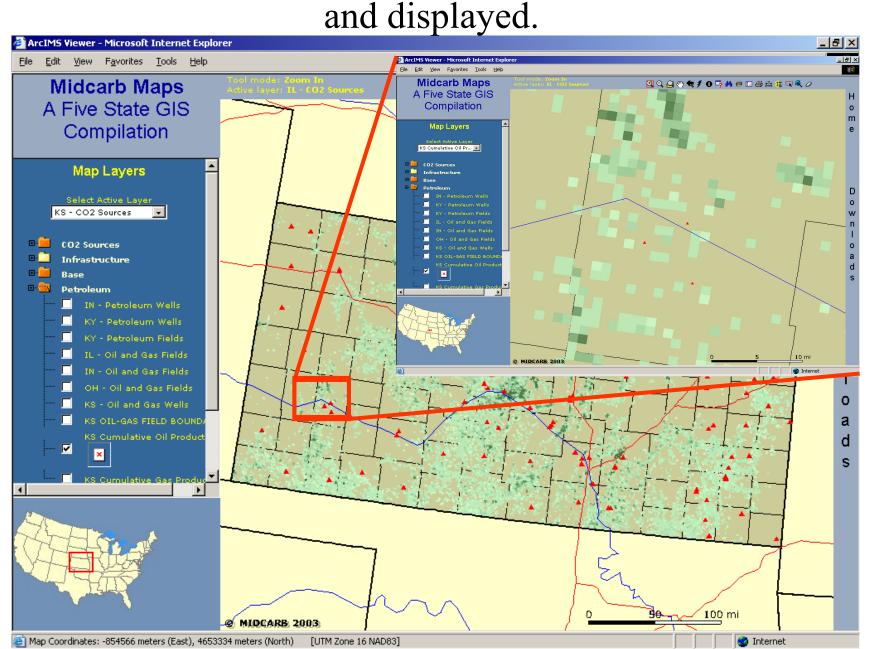
The ColdFusion server then queries appropriate databases, in this case the Ohio Oracle database.

Results of the query are returned to the ColdFusion server in Kansas and then delivered as a pure html report to the Web browser.

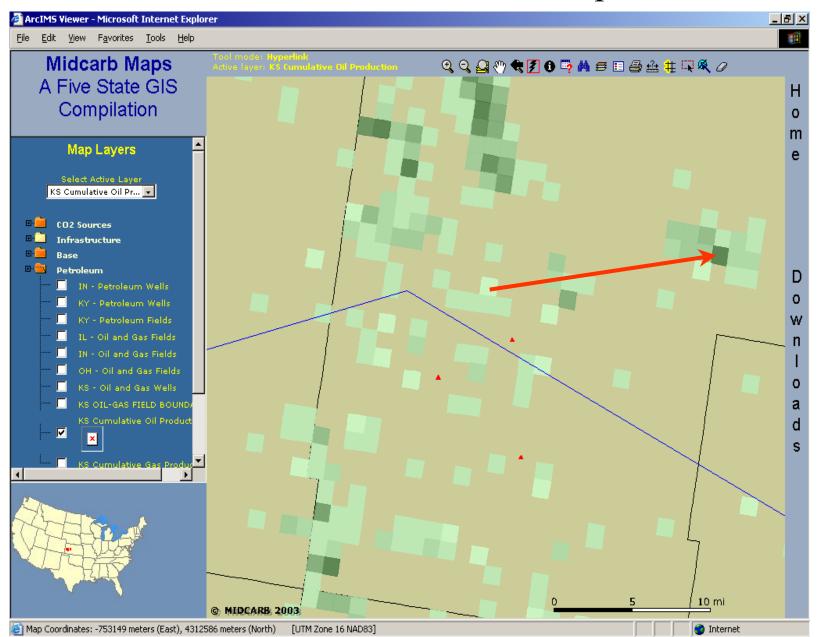
Data Integration



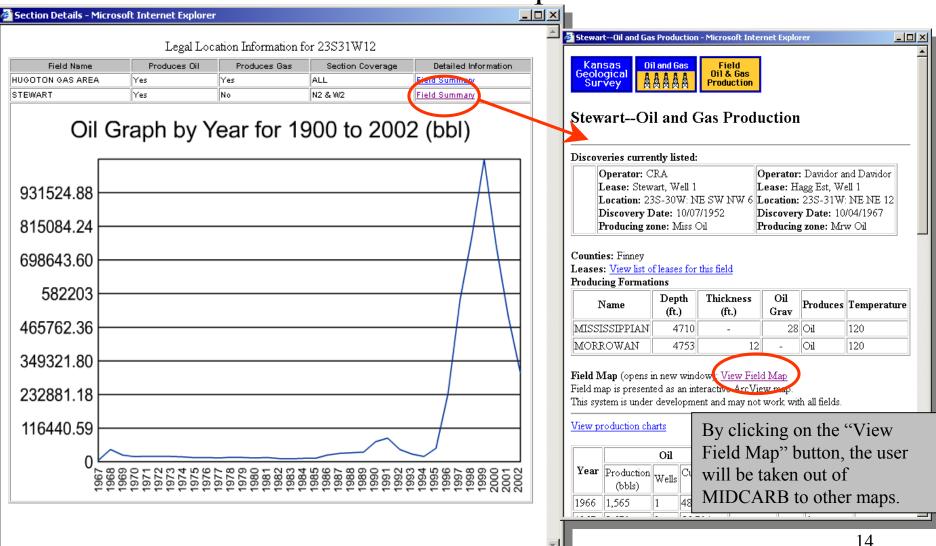
A variety of data on specific oil fields can be accessed



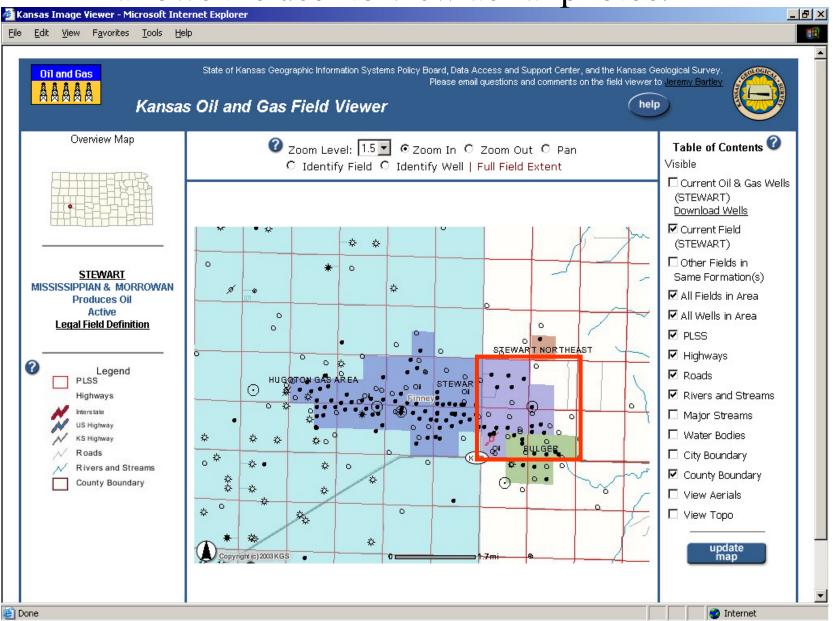
Greater detail on individual fields is possible...



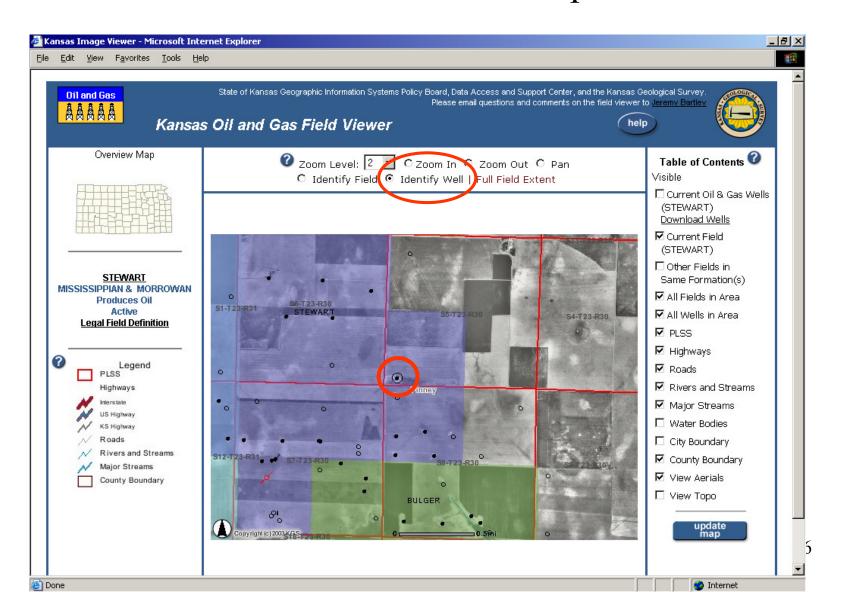
...showing cumulative production, and even summaries of field production.



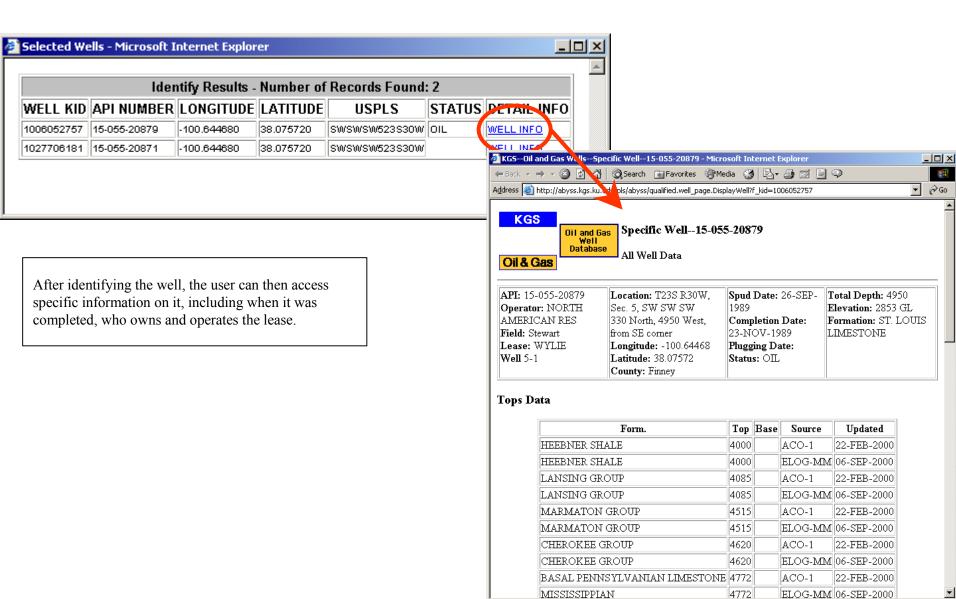
This map shows all wells in the selected area and allows the user to view aerial photos.



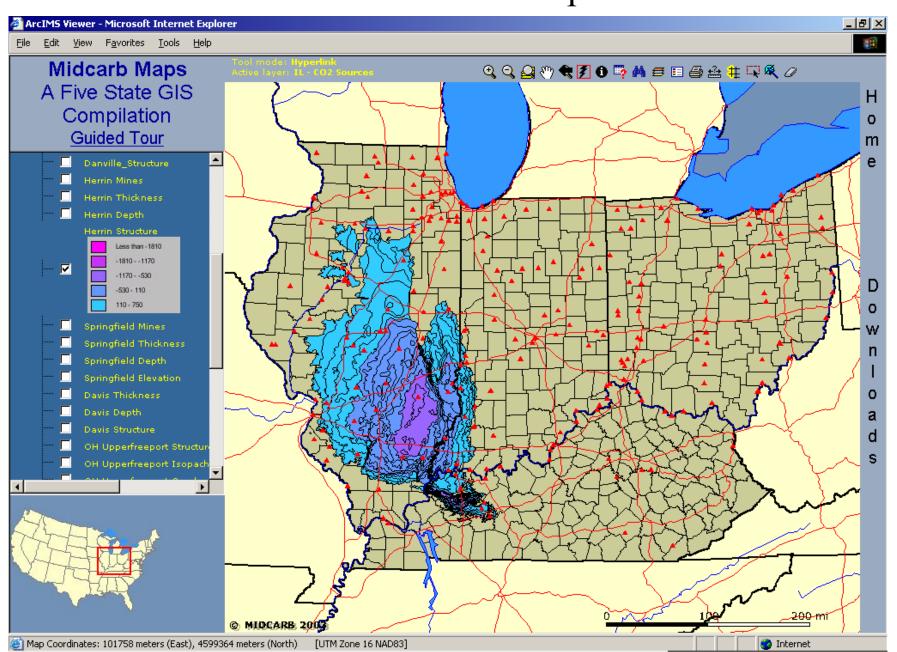
With the aerial photographs, the user can even go one step further and access data about a specific well.



More well data.

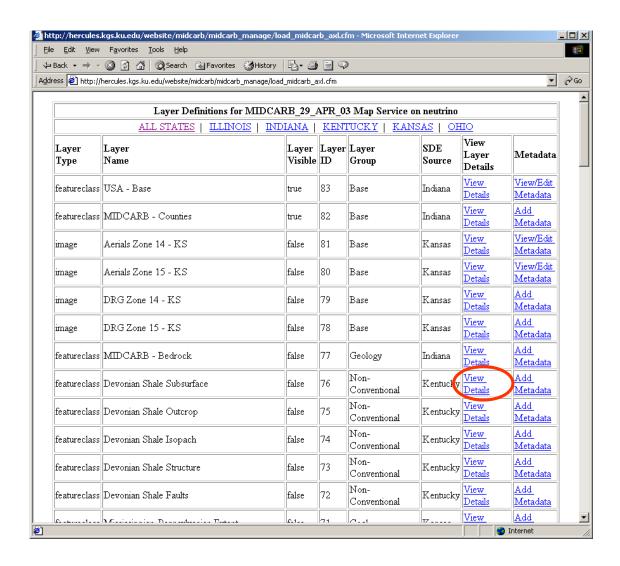


Coalbed Structure Over Multiple States: Herrin



Unconventional Reservoir: Mississippian-Devonian Shale Thickness Thin <20' Thick >3,600' 19

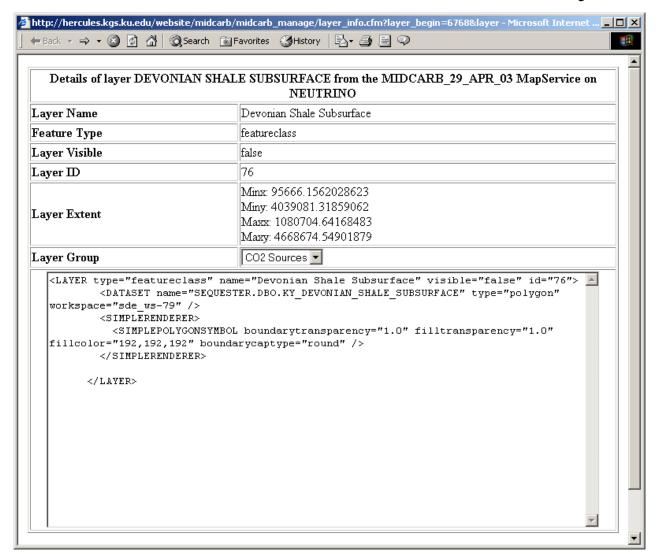
Distributed Management



Because of the distributed nature of this project, it has been set up so that data managers from any of the institutions can load data layers and edit how and where they will be displayed.

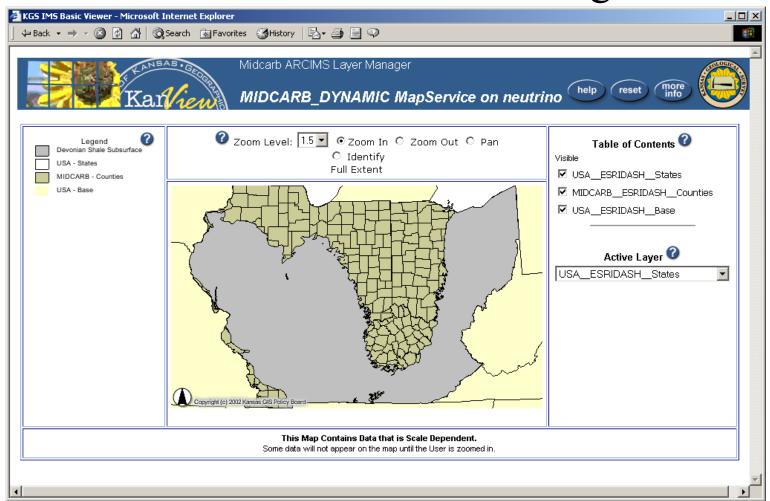
Shown here are the names and types of layers and where these layers are housed. A data manager can click on the "view details" link to see the details of any layer.

Details of an XML layer



Data Managers can then view and/or edit the XML details of how this layer will be displayed (colors, projection, limits, etc.).

View edited changes



After changes are made, the data manager can view how the changes will appear to users of the mapping service.

This system allows the project to take advantage of the experts at every member institution rather than those at just one.

Future of MIDCARB

- Improve Data and Coverages
- Move to support:
 - Open GIS Consortium/Web Map Service (OGC/WMS)
 - XML and other open access tools
- Improved Distributed Management Tools
 - Multiple Servers (Hand-Off to Local Server)
- Modify the current MIDCARB Internet Map Server to support additional states.

Perhaps the future of MIDCARB or something like it will eventually include all U.S. states?

